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To: Chair Craven and members of the House Judiciary Committee

From: Caleb Schultz

RE: Support: H 7216
DATE: February 27, 2024

Chair Craven and honorable members of the House Judiciary Committee:

My name is Caleb Schultz, and I am a Barrington resident in District 67 under Representative Knight. I am also a current sophomore at Brown University.

I am writing to urge you to support firearm safety bills that will make all Rhode Islanders safer. As gun violence devastates communities across our nation, we must do everything we can here in Rhode Island to prevent gun homicides, suicides, and injuries.

I am 19 years old now and have been fighting against gun violence in Rhode Island and nationally since I was 13. There is not a day that goes by when I don't think of what I would do if a shooter came into my classroom, or if I witnessed a firearm crime walking through Providence streets.

I strongly encourage you to take legislative action to aid law enforcement in their work to prevent gun violence and make our state safer.

Specifically, I urge you to prioritize support for:

- H 7216 (Boylan), which would require law enforcement to submit a crime gun or two fired casings for tracing and entry into NIBIN.

This bill would actively contribute to preventing gun crimes by giving law enforcement the powerful tool of a national database to track down the firearms, and the criminals behind them, that commit violent crimes. Taking this step will prevent gun violence in Rhode Island and contribute to making our communities safer.

Please pass this bill out of committee and to the House floor with a recommendation for passage.

Sincerely,

Caleb Schultz